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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 11-59—HB 6159**

*Environment Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO ENVIRONMENT  
RELATED STATUTES**

**SUMMARY:** This act excludes water cooler system bottles from a ban on the manufacture, sale, offering for sale, or distribution in the state of reusable food or beverage containers containing bisphenol-A. By law, the ban takes effect October 1, 2011.

The act modifies the Agricultural Experiment Station's January board meeting requirements. Under prior law, the board was required to meet in Hartford on the third Tuesday in January. Under the act, the board must meet in January at a place designated by its president.

It also makes many technical changes in environmental laws.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2011, except for the technical changes, which are effective upon passage.

**BACKGROUND**

*Bisphenol-A (BPA)*

BPA is an industrial chemical used to make certain plastics and resins, such as polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins. Polycarbonate plastics are often used in food and beverage containers, such as water and baby bottles. Epoxy resins can be used to coat the inside of metal products, such as food and baby formula cans, bottle tops, and water supply lines. BPA is also found in certain thermal paper products. Laboratory animal studies have found BPA to have harmful effects on reproduction and development.

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